

VARIATIONS NEWS

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Student Spotlight

Congratulations to Kent Mullen for his roles in *As You Like It* at West High School and to Aria Oettiker for her roles in *Guys and Dolls* at Sun Prairie West High School. Break a leg!



What's Happening

We are off to a lovely start to the year and are happy to welcome so many new dancers and families to our dance community, as well as seeing familiar faces this year. Thank you for being a part of our dance family.

The past couple weeks have been an exciting time of picking out costumes and beginning to learn dances for the spring performances. Our performance venue will be announced by the end of the month as we are waiting to finalize dates.

Given that we are having two separate shows this year, it allows space for more solos and opportunity for students to share other talents, such as singing, skits, or musical performances. Please let us know if your child is interested in this opportunity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

* Bring a Friend Month

All of October

Bring a friend. When your friend enrolls, you both receive \$40 off one month of tuition.

* Costume Payment

October 17th

The first costume payment of \$75 will be processed by the 17th.

* Halloween Party Week

October 27 - 30

Wear your costumes and bring a friend. It will be a fun and festive week. Parent volunteers are welcomed to assist with the Candyland game.

Welcome Miss Shawna

Miss Shawna is teaching Hip-Hop Level 4. She has danced with Joey Tremaine, Mia Michaels, and others. Miss Shawna danced all over the world in her time as a professional dancer and has 40 years of teaching experience.



The More You Know

Why do we often crawl in dance class?

Crawling helps brain development at all ages by strengthening neural pathways between the brain hemispheres, improving coordination, and providing essential sensory input. It utilizes cross-lateral movements, which activate the corpus callosum, helping to integrate the left and right sides of the brain and supporting skills like motor planning, coordination, and even academic abilities.



Special thanks to the Greenawalt family for donating delicious, healthy snacks for everyone!

This Month in Pictures



Pointe and Variation class is currently learning the classic variation, Bluebird from Sleeping Beauty.



Private Lessons for solos, duets, and trios begin in November. Schedule now with the instructor of your choosing.



Miss Celina's Tap Level 1 class hard at work learning new steps.



Adult Ballet, Monday at 8:30.
Adult Tap, Tuesday 7:15
Adult Jazz, Tuesday 8:00
Come join the fun!



Club & Activity Corner

Dance Team Students

VDS is the studio home to several Dance team members throughout the area. These girls put in long hours dancing both before school and after. Their dedication to dance is inspiring and we are all so proud of them.

Ava Hewitt at Monona- Grove High School
Haley DiMartino at McFarland High School
Danica Long at Deforest High School
Kaylee Burdick at Deforest High School

"WHEN YOU DANCE, YOU
CAN ENJOY THE LUXURY OF
BEING YOU"
- PAULO COELHO

Preschool Dance Program

We are looking for more preschoolers for the Tuesday 4:00 - 5:00 dance program. Students learn ballet, tap, and gross motor skills.